



When a child presents at Mid-Missouri Mental Health Center on an unscheduled, emergency basis, MMMHC Policy 11.05.03 is to be followed. The Admissions Coordinator and/or nurse supervisor and a physician do a face to face evaluation of the prospective patient, which will include a mental health screening, assessment of vital signs, physical exam, drug screening and mental status examination. Those patients needing medical emergency services beyond Mid-Missouri Mental Health Center's capabilities are transferred to the University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics Emergency Room. The physician will complete a disposition of evaluation form as outlined in MMMHC Policy 11.05.06.

#### Criteria for Admission

- 1) The child is between the ages of 6 and 17 years.
- 2) The child is a danger to self or others due to a psychiatric illness.
- 3) The child has severely impaired contact with reality or severely disorganized thinking due to a psychiatric illness.
- 4) The child has a primary diagnosis from Axis I of DSM-IV (TR)
- 5) The child has been screened in an attempt to resolve problems prior to considering inpatient care and it has been determined that inpatient care is the least restrictive environment.
- 6) The admission is court ordered.





- 2) If the patient was admitted for impaired reality testing or disorganized thinking, the patient's mental status has stabilized.
- 3) The patient's mental health needs can be met in a less restrictive environment.
- 4) Aftercare that meets the patient's mental health needs has been arranged.